GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6400
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2002
PROCUREMENT OF CONDOMS
ARUN KUMAR

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programme under which the Ministry procures condoms for distribution in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that condom manufacturers have formed a cartel for obtaining orders from the Ministry; and

(c) if so, the details of the suppliers, their installed capacity, quantity of orders given to them, and the rate of procurement for the year 2000 and 2001?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): The Governemnt of India under the National Family Welfare Programme provides contraceptives - Copper- `T`, Oral Contraceptive Pills (Mala-N) and Condoms (Nirodh) under freeesupply scheme. In addition, Deluxe Nirodhand Oral Contraceptive Pills (Mala-D) are also provided under Social Marketing Programme. The details of these schemes are:-

i) Free supply scheme: This scheme is being implemented through State Governments and Union Territory administrations all over country. Under the scheme, Copper- T, Oral Contraceptive Pills and Condoms (Nirodh) are distributed free of cost by Government of India. These commodities are delivered to State Governments and Union Territoryadministrations at State Headquarters and thereafter the Sate Directorate of Family Welfare undertakes theresponsibility to distribute and deliver these contraceptives free of cost through the Government health care infra-structure comprising of Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres and Health Sub Centres.

ii) Social Marketing scheme: There are segments of the population who are willing to pay for contraceptives, but may not be able to afford them at commercial rates. Accordingly, Government subsidizes the distribution costs, and through public private partnership, the contraceptives are made available at retail outlets. It is being implemented through Social Marketing Organisations (SMOs) all over country. The thrust is on enhancing the out-reach in semi-urban and rural areas.

(b)&(c): Procurement of condoms is made by following standard practice as laid down in the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposal (DGS&D) Manual.Tender enquiries are invited and rate contracts are finalized. The manufacturing capacity in India far exceeds the annual procurement.

Details about the installed capacity, quantity of orders given to the manufactures and the procurement for the year 2000-01 are in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6400 FOR 8TH MAY, 2002.

SUPPLIERS OF CONDOMS, THEIR CAPACITY AND THE QUANTITIES ORDERED 200-2001.

(figure in Million Pcs.)

Firm	Annual capacity	Qty. ordered during 200-2001	
		Free Supply	Social Marketing
Hindustan Latex Ltd. (Public Sector Undertaking)	670.00	327.5	294

TTK LIG Ltd.	963.00	90	40
TTK-Biomed Ltd. (Now TTK Health Centre)	180.00	30	30
Polar Latex Ltd. (Now Polar Pharma India Ltd.)	536.00	85	50
J.K. Ansell Ltd.	252.00	34	21
Suretex Prophalactics India Ltd.	180.00	5	5

Rate: i) Rs. 116.50 per pcs. For Free Supply for Condoms(Nirodh).
ii) Rs 144.75 per 100 pcs. For Social Marketing Supply for Condoms (Deluxe Nirodh).